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Loans to pay for roads and pipes

- Debt level per capita will double in 2012 from 2007 amount
- Low interest rates mean best time to borrow is now: Fielding

Winnipeg city council will borrow heavily over the next several years in an attempt to stem the crumbling of the city's aging infrastructure and pay for legislated sewer and water treatment upgrades.

A lack of a consistent revenue stream from the province means Winnipeg city council has had little choice but to rack up the debt to pay for new infrastructure projects, said Winnipeg Mayor Sam Katz after the city's Executive Policy Committee passed the capital budget for 2012 yesterday afternoon.

"We need improvements all over the place," said Katz. "We need a stable, predictable and long-term source of revenue to deal with this."

While Katz didn't directly say the lack of revenue was the fault of the Province of Manitoba, he has been an outspoken advocate of the province's municipalities receiving one per cent of the PST to deal with infrastructure deficits.

In the meantime, according to the preliminary capital budget, council will borrow heavily over the next several years to pay for road and sewer upgrades. This means the debt per 'Pegger will grow to about $1,150 next year from a low of about $590 per person in 2007. It will be about $1,610 per person by 2015.

Coun. Scott Fielding defended the decision to borrow, saying council is doing so to pay for needed projects that will only get more expensive in the future. He also said while the city is borrowing, it will retain its AA1 credit rating, meaning lower interest rates.

Coun. Dan Vandal, however, pointed out that the city will max out their borrowing limit by 2015.

"We're borrowing a heck of a lot of money."

The capital budget goes before council on Dec. 13. ELISHA DACEY

Fixer-upper of a city

$393.1 million is the total capital budget. Here are some of the highlights:

- **$77 million** for Plessis Road twinning and grade separation
- **$49.5 million** to consolidate several public works yards into one location
- **$11.4 million** to fix Sturgeon Road Bridge
- **$1 million** for design work on the second phase of the rapid transit corridor, hopefully matched by the province
- **$9.4 million** for automated garbage and recycling carts
- **$2 million** for an organic-waste composting facility
- **$30.8 million** on residential street renewal
- Major work to be done on St. James Street, Dugald Road, Fort Street and Corydon Avenue

Dream. Factory

▶ Dream Factory 2012 spokesperson Fred Penner cheers with Zackary Stewart, 3, during a rebranding announcement yesterday.

SVJETLANA MLINAREVIC/FOR METRO

Rainbow turns to dreams

Rainbow Society announced yesterday they will rebrand themselves as The Dream Factory. Zackary Stewart's sister, Abigail, is a Dream Child with Langerhans' Cell Histiocytosis (LCH) a cancer-like illness. The Dream Factory has helped 530 Manitoban children since 1983.

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The government would brighten the economic prospects of children and the country if it funds preschool for two-year-olds, a new study contends.
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Nickelback makes light of a petition against their upcoming halftime performance at a Detroit Lions game.

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We Day pumped up

Crowd Pumping team ready to unleash their energy at MTS

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Energy.

That is the driving force behind We Day and volunteers are the conduits for that energy.

Called Crowd Pumpers, young people aged between 16-21, excite the crowds and keep the momentum and spirit of We Day going.

Kim Tetley, team lead for the Crowd Pumping Team, observed that volunteers in Winnipeg have been extraordinary and that the turnout has been phenomenal.

"This is the biggest (volunteer turnout we've had) than any other city," said Tetley. "Crowd Pumpers are mobilizers. The event runs on the energy and hard work of the volunteers "

Tetley noted that as the event gains momentum throughout the country, more and more young people are wanting to volunteer.

So far, 1.7 million hours of volunteer time has been logged within the organization this year as they hit Vancouver, Waterloo, Ont., Toronto, Winnipeg and Montreal.

Youth attendance at each event has ranged from 4,000 in Montreal to 18,000 in Vancouver and Toronto.

History

A brief history of We Day, as told at Weday.com.

- Free The Children was founded on the understanding that by awakening the spirit of activism in young people, anything is possible — injustices can be stopped, our local and global communities can be transformed for the better, and hope for the future can be sustained.
- Based on the belief that young people can create change, the We Day movement was born.
- In 2007, youth from across North America came together for the first time at We Day to discover new passions, learn about the world around them and celebrate their successes.
- Since then, We Day has become the movement of our time, inspiring thousands of youth and building a community of young people dedicated to social change.

Getting. Ready

▶ Marc Kielburger prepares for We Day Winnipeg at the MTS Centre.

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We Day arrives in Winnipeg

The day, which features keynote speakers Al Gore, Mia Farrow and Rick Hanson among others, will bring together 16000 students from across Manitoba today for a day of inspiration and social change. Watch for tomorrow's Metro for full details.

NDP orders Brandon U profs to vote

Manitoba's NDP government isn't ordering professors back to work, but it is forcing them to vote on the final offer tabled by Brandon University in a bid to end the province's longest post-secondary strike.

Labour Minister Jennifer Howard said the university put an offer on the table last week and little progress has been made since then. The strike has dragged on for 42 days, prompting the province to order the vote, she said.

"It's an exceptional step," Howard said yesterday. "It's not something that we do lightly. It's not something that we've done before as a government but the law provides for this."

About 3,000 students have been out of class since professors walked off the job Oct. 12. The vote, which is being organized by the Manitoba Labour Relations Board, could be held as early as tomorrow.

The Opposition Conservatives have been pressuring the NDP government for several weeks to recall the legislature and bring in back-to-work legislation. Howard said the government won't do that, but is concerned about students who are caught in the middle.

While the faculty association called it "a sad day for free collective bargaining in this province," Howard said the government isn't infringing on the rights of members.

"It doesn't take anything away from the collective bargaining process," Howard said. "It still allows for the membership to decide democratically whether or not they want to accept the offer."

But Brandon University's faculty association isn't impressed. Joe Dolecki, association president and chief negotiator, said the intervention shows the true colours of the NDP government.

"This intervention into the collective bargaining process at Brandon University is as dangerous as it is outrageous," he said in a statement. "It confirms for us the pro-employer bias shown by this allegedly 'labour-friendly' government throughout this round of negotiations."

The intervention encourages the university not to bargain seriously, he said, which prolongs the strike and puts the future of students at risk. The association said it probably won't recommend members ratify the offer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dramatic. Scene

▶ From left, Marc Bendavid as Romeo, Andrea Davis as Nurse and Gareth Potter as Mercutio in the Manitoba Theatre Centre's production of Romeo and Juliet. The play starts Thursday and runs until Dec. 17. For more information visit mtc.mb.ca.

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Theatre hosts Romeo and Juliet

Drop-in centre teeters on brink of closure

The Joseph Beeper Spence drop-in centre is used by 35 kids daily, according to a centre official Staff may be laid off by next month

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A prominent drop-in centre in Winnipeg's Lord Selkirk is in danger of closing, according to their assistant executive director.

Nancy Flett told surprised reporters yesterday the Joseph Beeper Spence drop-in centre at the Indian and Metis Friendship Centre has lost their funding and may have to lay staff off as early as December.

"If anyone has any ideas on where we can secure funding, I'd love to hear their ideas," said Flett.

Joseph Beeper Spence was Flett's son, who died due to gang violence in 1995.

Flett said the centre lost their funding from the United Way due to mismanagement of funds, saying some money went missing under various executive directors.

"There are still a lot of people there who care, who want to make a difference. I'm hoping people can see past all that."

Flett said they need at least enough money to pay the salary of one staff member, so the drop-in can be open on weekends and after school.

"It was opened to keep kids off the street, some kids who don't go to Turtle Mountain … because they know it's for the older kids."

She said about 35 kids use the drop in centre daily.

Teen arrested for break and enter

A young teen was arrested yesterday after a small break-and-enter spree.

The teen, 13, allegedly broke into a shed in the 300 block of St. John's Avenue where a bicycle was stolen around 12:30 a.m.

Later, the suspect headed to a business on Salter Street where he allegedly gained entry to a secure compound and broke into a vehicle, the point where a witness called police.

The K9 unit tracked the suspect to the 300 block of Magnus Avenue, where he was hiding under a vehicle. He was arrested and charged with two counts of break and enter and possessing break-in instruments. He was detained at the Manitoba Youth Centre.

The bike was returned to its owner. ELISHA DACEY

Cops dismantle large grow-op

Winnipeg police have dismantled a large grow-op in Valley Gardens.

Police said they went to a home in the first 100 block of Siddall Crescent on Monday afternoon and found a large marijuana grow operation in the basement.

Police seized 1,218 pot plants worth $1.36 million, three pounds of packaged marijuana worth about $7,500 and $14,000 worth of grow-op equipment.

A 31-year-old woman and a 35-year-old man were arrested and charged with production of a controlled substance, possession for the purpose of trafficking and theft of telecommunications.

ELISHA DACEY

Several ballet performances cancelled

ELISHA DACEY/METRO FILE

▶ The RWB has cancelled their touring show of Svengali in Ontario.

Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet says it has cancelled several upcoming Ontario performances due to "unprecedented fiscal pressures."

In a news release, the renowned ballet company says it will not be bringing its tour of Svengali to Toronto, Hamilton and London in January, and that all ticket orders will be refunded.

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Health Canada rapped over slow drug info

- Public should be told about risks sooner, says auditor general
- Tories warned: Don't let cost-cutting increase the dangers

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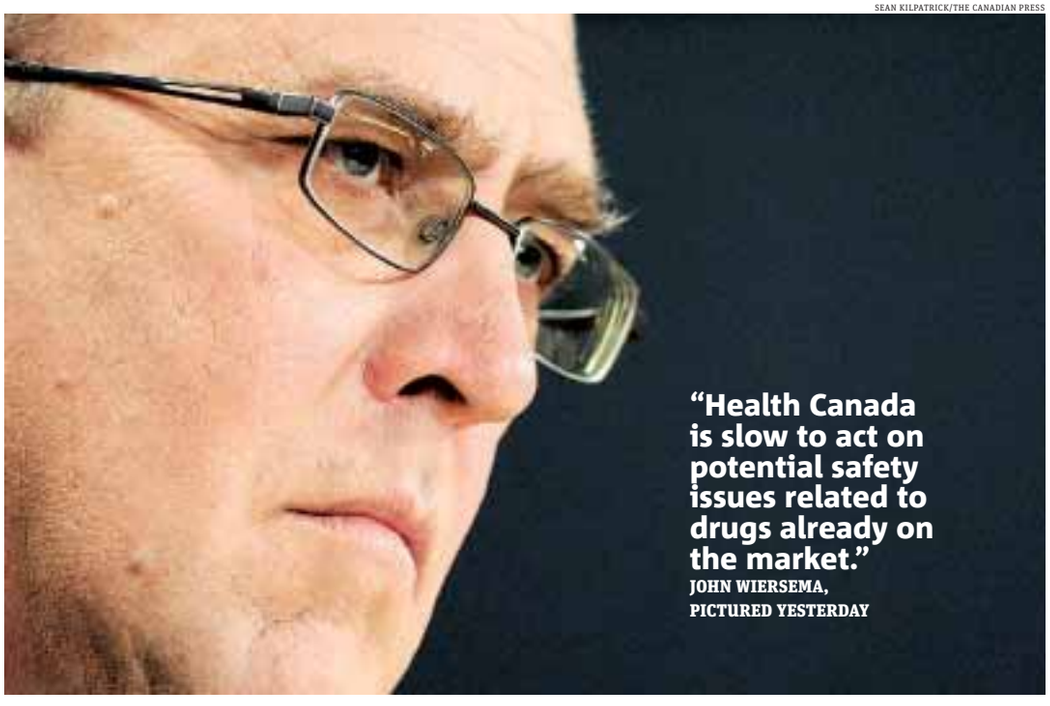
"Health Canada is slow to act on potential safety issues related to drugs already on the market."
JOHN WIERSEMA, PICTURED YESTERDAY

The public is waiting far too long to be warned of significant risks about the drugs they take, the federal auditor general said yesterday.

It's only the latest example of risk caused by rampant information mismanagement that is undercutting work in many federal departments, said interim auditor general John Wiersema.

He warned the government to make sure things don't get worse as it goes about a major cost-cutting exercise over the coming years.

"We have found that poor information is a widespread, chronic problem in the federal government," Wiersema said in an overview of government operations.

"Managers are not systematically collecting and using the information they need to manage their programs, and they are not held accountable for this."

The audit of Health Canada found the department has an archaic system of monitoring that can take years to tell the public that some drugs already on the market come with significant risks.

In one case, a drug that was being prescribed for epilepsy, migraines, psychiatric conditions or weight loss was found to be linked to birth defects.

But it took six months for the brand-name drug to include a warning, and almost two years for generic producers to be told they had to change their labels and warnings.

In another case, the United States was already warning in 2006 that the long-term benefits of low-dose ASA could be eroded by taking ibuprofen.

But in Canada, a review took more than three years, and orders to change labelling for the public are still not fully in place.

"Health Canada is slow to act on potential safety issues," Wiersema said in a release.

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Fund fumble

- The federal auditor general says he has been given no way to measure the employment impact of a billion-dollar fund designed to maintain or create jobs during the last recession.
- The Community Adjustment Fund was one of three programs under the Conservative government's self-styled Economic Action Plan that were examined by interim auditor John Wiersema.

Tighten visa system, auditor urges

Canada's border watchdogs need to tighten the visa system with better health and security screening for people who want to come to Canada either as visitors or permanent residents, says the auditor's report.

Yesterday's report from John Wiersema, the interim auditor general, says Immigration Canada and the Canada Border Services Agency need to do a better job of managing risks.

He said his office has been pointing out weaknesses in the visa system for 20 years.

"I find it disturbing that fundamental weaknesses still exist," he said.

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In 2010, MDs issued 505 million prescriptions. In 2008, there were 13,000 different kinds of prescription and non-prescription drugs sold in Canada.

Submerged-car victims lived in fear, court told

Three girls allegedly killed by their family over honour complained to police, child protection officials and social workers just months before their deaths, a court has heard.

They said their father and brother assaulted them and their mother feared for their lives, the court in Kingston was told yesterday.

The eldest daughter, Zainab, 19, ran away to a women's shelter two months before the girls' bodies were found in a submerged car.

She told workers there that she was afraid of her father, the court heard.

"Be aware of my bro ... I (don't) want to give him the slightest idea that we (are) friends."
ALLEGEDLY PART OF AN EMAIL ZAINAB WROTE TO HER BOYFRIEND

The girls' parents, Tooba Mohammad Yahya, 41, and Mohammad Shafia, 58, and their brother Hamed Mohammad Shafia, 20, are accused of killing them as well as Shafia's other wife in a polygamous marriage.

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FORMAL GUIDELINES

Ottawa tunes in to tweets

The federal government has hit the "like" button on social media.

It's unveiling a formal set of guidelines for how departments should use sites like Twitter and Facebook.

"For many Canadians, Web 2.0 is increasingly becoming a primary channel for sending, receiving and generating information," say the guidelines. But they also note public servants need to be aware of the risks of operating in social media circles.

Treasury Board President Tony Clement, who is an avid user of social media, told public servants at a conference in Ottawa that online tools have an important role in government.

"They are the modern-day equivalents of 'town halls,'" he said, according to a prepared text of his remarks.

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Watchdog assails loss of gun data

The federal information watchdog says a move to destroy gun-registry records sets a bad precedent.

Suzanne Legault told a Commons committee yesterday that a federal bill to scrap the long-gun registry — and delete millions of records — violates the Library and Archives of Canada Act.

"I have serious concerns about the impact this bill will have on government information management,''she said.

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Thorold gives vets a reprieve

Officials in Thorold, Ont., are apologizing after parking tickets were issued to some veterans taking part in the Remembrance Day ceremonies.

The city is also cancelling more than a dozen tickets that were issued Nov. 11 outside the Royal Canadian Legion.

The city is chalking it up to a mistake by a parking enforcement officer.

There's a bylaw in place that prevents ticketing on Remembrance Day.

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Yes, women can be catty, prof says

Trait not just a mainstay of TV's The Bachelor

A University of Ottawa professor says the catty behaviour seen on the popular reality TV show The Bachelor is pretty close to … reality.

Most women use aggression against sexual rivals, Tracy Vaillancourt says.

Vaillancourt's research took a look at how females compete with one another for the attention of males.

Her study suggests The Bachelor provides insight into the tactics women use to compete.

Watch out, gals

- An experiment confirmed that a sexy colleague is seen as a sexual rival by the other women. The study's results indicated the women did not want to introduce her to their boyfriends.

And it shows how vying for the affections of an eligible man can bring out the worst in women.

Such tactics can include gossiping about a rival's promiscuity or disparaging her appearance, so as to reduce her "mate value."

Vaillancourt's study suggests this type of behaviour is not only a TV phenomenon — it's also a reality in schools and in workplaces.

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▶ Bachelor Jake Pavelka presents a ring to Vienna Giraldi on The Bachelor. Research suggests the show's catty behaviour is close to the truth.

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F-35s won't be able to track troops

Software that will allow F-35s to track ground forces and communicate with older aircraft is not slated to be part of the initial operating system on Canada's first stealth fighters.

The features are not expected to be added until an upgrade program, due around 2019 — or three years after the Royal Canadian Air Force begins taking delivery the advanced multi-role fighter.

The system that helps distinguish between friend and foe is known as a Blue Force Tracker, which is GPS-enabled, and its absence means the computers of the first F-35s will not be able to link with ground troops until software is updated.

Also missing is a feature known as a Link 16, which allows highly-advanced aircraft to exchange data, such as text messages, with ships and other aircraft in real-time.

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Occupy Canada changes shape

Camps in many cities dismantled, handed eviction notices ◐ Activists plan next move, some want to stay

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▶ Police officers walk through the Occupy Toronto camp yesterday in St. James Park.

The face of the Occupy Canada movement was changing as authorities moved into camps in Victoria, Quebec City and Calgary, and groups in Toronto and Ottawa waited to see if police would enforce eviction deadlines.

The Occupy Toronto site showed clear signs of a protest on the wane early yesterday, with several tents already taken down and demonstrators with garbage bags cleaning up.

"There's a lot of mess here, obviously, after five weeks, so we're starting to tidy up — try to make it look presentable before we leave entirely," said Brent Hendren, 24, of London, Ont.

In Montreal, protesters expressed a resolve to stay in place despite a request from the city's mayor for them to vacate.

In Quebec City, police mounted an operation at dawn to begin removing Occupy protesters. They reportedly offered no resistance when police moved in.

And police in Victoria, B.C., arrested one person as they ousted the remaining participants of the Occupy Victoria movement.

The removal began before dawn, one day after lawyers for the City of Victoria appeared in B.C. Supreme Court, winning an enforcement order that gave police the power to remove campers and their belongings.

Activists in Vancouver moved from one public space to another on Monday, prompting government lawyers to prepare to ask for a court injunction once more.

Parts of Calgary's Occupy camp were dismantled late Monday.

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Pelted in Portland

November. Rain

November bared its weather teeth yesterday, as high winds brought down trees, shutting down at least one major Oregon highway – Oregon 18. Other roads were closed by flooding.

▶ An umbrella-wielding pedestrian high-steps through a large puddle after heavy rain hit the area near Portland, Ore., yesterday.

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Hacking blamed for sacking

Press intrusion inquiry set up after News of the World scandal

Elle Macpherson fired her business adviser for leaking secrets when journalists were actually getting juicy details about the supermodel by hacking into her phone, the former aide told a British inquiry into media ethics yesterday.

In testimony, Mary-Ellen Field described how she lost both her job for Macpherson and one at an advisory firm because of the unfounded suspicions — a double-blow that was all the more serious because she was in poor health. She didn't identify her illness.

Field was one of several victims of press intrusion testifying yesterday at Britain's Royal Courts of Justice. The inquiry was set up after the scandal over phone hacking and other tactics used at the News of the World, which was closed by media mogul Rupert Murdoch in July. The inquiry plans to issue a report next year and could recommend major changes to the way the media in Britain are regulated.

Field said her relationship with Macpherson was once close, but it fell apart after the model's intimate secrets began appearing in the press in 2005. Macpherson became convinced that Field was an alcoholic and ordered her to go to a U.S. rehabilitation clinic.

Even though staff at the clinic said Field was not an alcoholic, Macpherson fired her anyway, and Field lost her job at her firm. Although it has since emerged that the media leaks were the result of phone hacking, Field said she has not heard from Macpherson in years.

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▶ Mary-Ellen Field, former business adviser to supermodel Elle Macpherson, leaves after she gave evidence to the Leveson Inquiry at The Royal Courts of Justice in London yesterday.

Change your passwords ... often

Online security experts say there are a number of tactics to thwart hackers when it comes to passwords, including changing them regularly and using a hard-to-guess combination of letters, numbers, punctuation and symbols.

The California-based software company SplashData analyzed millions of stolen passwords obtained by hackers and found some simple choices coming up again and again.

Users who have trouble remembering all their online passwords can buy software to automatically — and securely — log them into websites. SplashData's version is SplashID, while the Canadian company AgileBits makes 1Password.

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Risky log-ins

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- qwerty
- abc123
- monkey
- letmein
- dragon
- trustno1
- baseball
- iloveyou
- master
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News in brief

Facebook and HTC get closer

SMARTPHONE. Facebook is working closely with HTC to create a smartphone with smoother social media integration. The website All Things D says the phone should be available in the next 12 to 18 months.

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Prairies most generous: RBC

GIFT-GIVING. Residents of Atlantic Canada plan to be the most generous in the country this holiday season, according to Royal Bank data. RBC says 90 per cent of Atlantic Canadians plan on giving gifts, compared to 80 per cent nationally. RBC says 79 per cent of Ontario consumers expect to give gifts and spend $663 on average, roughly $50 more than last year.

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There was a time that if you wanted to stand naked on your patio, only the guy with the binoculars across the street would catch you in the act.

These days, thanks to Google Street View, everyone gets to look.

Just ask the woman in Miami who today finds that her naked foray onto her back stoop, captured by a passing Google Street View camera, yields more than two million results on the search engine of the same name.

Google Street View is supposed to be a helpful way for you to see your destination as it really looks, as opposed to a pointy B pin on a map. It is not supposed to offer a panorama of human folly, such as the casually careless naked lady, or the equally naked guy in Germany climbing out of the trunk of his car, or the guy walking his snake down the street, or various Brits mooning the passing camera, or the two Norwegian scuba divers running down the street on flippers, complete with tridents. (Why *did* the scuba divers cross the road?)

As the Street View cameras capture every square millimetre of the planet and resolution improves, it's only going to get worse. Or better, if you like to watch.

"It's not just that Big Brother is watching ... It's also that little sister and Cousin Bert and Uncle Ernie and all Rabbit's friends and relations are watching as well"

Google is self-correcting, and as soon as it learned about its naked-lady problem, it turned her into a pixelated blur, but only after the photos of the poor women spread across the Internet like the bird flu.

What do we expect when we combine the Internet with the latest surveillance technology? Google Street View has the potential to turn us all into everyday fugitives from scrutiny, trapped in a high-res corner with nowhere to hide.

It's not just that Big Brother is watching, although you know he is. It's also that little sister and Cousin Bert and Uncle Ernie and all Rabbit's friends and relations are watching as well.

Of course, not everyone sees that as a bad thing, such as the guy who found Google Street View to be an ideal way to expose himself to anyone who happened upon his sad, little — with an emphasis on little — sector of the galaxy.

For the rest of us, it's bad enough we have to wear clean underwear every day in case we get hit by a bus and have to be undressed by medical personnel. Now we also have to make sure, no matter where we are, to remember to wear clothes and, while we're at it, keep the nose mining to a minimum.

And smile, dammit.

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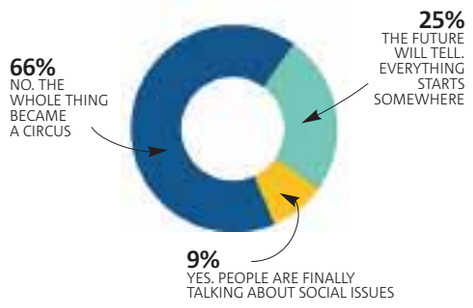
Do you think the Occupy movement made an impact?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THE FUTURE WILL TELL. EVERYTHING STARTS SOMEWHERE
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YES. PEOPLE ARE FINALLY TALKING ABOUT SOCIAL ISSUES

Local tweets

- **@Jaffs15:** I hate when people compare Crosby and God. I mean he is really good, but he is no Sidney Crosby.
- **@go0odvibes:** lmao at my teach calling #Byfuglien from the Winnipeg Jets a thug. :)
- **@craigkielburger:** As a Leaf's fan, I bleed blue. But even I'm cheering for the new Winnipeg Jets.
- **@MaraWeinberg:** Sorry, Winnipeg. That person driving like a moron in the snow is me. #canadianfail
- **@neverestmusic:** About to board our flight to Winnipeg with Marc Kielberger. I spy @JacobHoggard too! We'll be playing at #WeDay Winnipeg on Wednesday! #fb
- **@frodochip:** Even though it's only my second year living here, #winnipeg you have become my city
- **@ispeakreallife_ :** I hate when you're home alone and it's dark and your mind goes..... 'know what we haven't thought about lately? Serial killers.'
- **@WinnipegGordo:** There's a lot of crazy people walking up to strangers today in Winnipeg. Lol #WpgChase

Worth Mentioning

DRIVING HIV TESTS HOME. At one office of the Department of Motor Vehicles in Washington, D.C., motorists can get a driver's licence, temporary road-tax stickers and something wholly unrelated to the road: A free HIV test.

In a city with one of the highest percentages of residents living with HIV or AIDS, health officials have now test-driven the in-DMV testing and are finding that it works. So far, more than 5,000 people have been screened and received results while they wait.

"You have to meet people where they are," explained Sheila Brockington, who oversees HIV testing at the DMV office.

Initially, some officials doubted many people would test. Now, however, between 25 and 35 people get tested every day at the DMV location. Anyone who agrees gets $7 off their bill.

By now, the people who run the program have their pitch down. When people are in line, one of the testers approaches with the offer: Free tests, money off your bill and the promise that it won't hurt.

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photo of the day

▶ This photo, titled Quebec, was submitted to the Photo of the Day category by OliaShu from Ontario.

The submission period for the Metro Global Photo Challenge — which ran in 100 cities on four continents — is now over and Metro needs your help choosing a winner. Visit metrophotochallenge.com to vote for your favourite photos. Metro will feature the winning entries once they have been chosen.

WEIRD NEWS

Art in the pigsty of the beholder

Live graffiti painting. A colossal rose bed soaring 20 feet high. Early photos of Andy Warhol, a Picasso up for auction and a naked woman living in a pigpen. They're all part of the lineup for Art Basel Miami Beach, which runs Dec. 1-4, with a host of related events beginning Nov. 30.

The pigpen installation will undoubtedly be the most jaw-dropping event at the art fair. Known for photographing herself nude in subway tunnels or in front of graffiti walls, performance artist Miru Kim will be living with pigs for her performance The Pig That Therefore I Am.

"The immediate connection between pigs and me will be felt through seeing the living bodies mingle through skin," Kim told The Associated Press. A glass barrier will act as "an insatiable gap between the spectacle and the onlooker, just like in a zoo."

The pigpen installation will be among the shows at the Primary Flight open air museum. "Some people are really going to love it. Some are going to be shocked. And a handful won't really get it," said Primary Flight founder Books Bischof.

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The orphan adoption

Martin Scorsese is the latest director to make a movie about a child with no parents
Richard Crouse takes a look at Hugo and why orphans tug on our heartstrings

IN FOCUS

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The new Martin Scorsese film is the director's first PG rated film in 18 years. Hugo is a handsome 3D kid's flick featuring adventure, a broken robot, a toy store owner and one of the mainstays of central casting — an orphan.

There are all kinds of on-screen orphans, some lovable — The Jungle Book's Mowgli, Harry Potter —some not — Hannibal Lecter, Darth Vader — but few have been as memorable as Oliver Twist.

The youngster first captured people's imaginations 173 years ago as the title character in Charles Dickens's second book and debuted on film in 1908.

Since then there have been at least eleven adaptations of the story of an urchin who famously asked his cruel workhouse foreman for more gruel with the words, "Please sir, I want some more."

The most famous version of the story has to be Oliver!, a splashy 1968 all-singing all-dancing edition, which film critic Pauline Kael said was one of the few film adaptations of a stage musical superior to the original stage show.

Oliver had it rough. Much rougher than Little Orphan Annie, the perky red-haired waif adopted by the über-wealthy Daddy Warbucks, but for the actress who played her in the 1982 movie Annie there were some unpleasant moments.

The curly red wig Aileen Quinn wore was so itchy that a specially designed comb had to be created to give her some relief, and in order to get Annie's dog Sandy to realistically kiss her the prop master rubbed Alpo all over her face.

Still, Quinn says, "I just remember having the best time."

Unlike our next orphans, Oliver and Annie were decidedly earthbound ragamuffins, but the movies have seen lots of alien children abandoned on our planet.

In Escape to Witch Mountain, Tony and Tia Malone's psychic abilities made them standouts at the orphanage and the moniker Clark Kent was the name his human adoptive parent's gave to Kal-El. You know him best as Superman.

Superman wasn't the only superhero orphan, however. The death of Bruce Wayne's parents at the hand of the Joker prompted him to become the Caped Crusader. "You made me," he grumbles to the parent's killer in Batman.

Finally, Peter Parker's parents were Richard and Mary, CIA agents killed in the line of duty.

Rumour has it they will appear in the 2012 reboot, The Amazing Spider-Man, played by Campbell Scott and Embeth Davidtz.

CONTRIBUTED

▶ Asa Butterfield, left, plays Hugo Cabret and Chloë Grace Moretz plays Isabelle in Hugo.

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Scene in brief

Leonard Cohen will usher in the new year with a CD of Old Ideas. The 77-year-old Montreal songwriter will release his first album in more than seven years on Jan. 31. Old Ideas will consist of 10 tracks.
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Hugo

Genre: Adventure/Drama
Director: Martin Scorsese
Stars: Asa Butterfield, Chloë Grace Moretz and Christopher Lee
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Set in 1930s Paris, the new Martin Scorsese film is a sophisticated kid's movie about an orphan obsessed with repairing an automaton left behind by his father.

His fixation leads him to forgotten film pioneer Georges Méliès and a new life.

Hugo is the Scorsese's homage not only to the filmmakers who shaped his youth but to the art form itself.

There is a sense of wonder imprinted on every frame. Add to that star Asa Butterfield's face, reminiscent of the moon faced children of early cinema, the dulcet tones of Christopher Lee, 3D that enhances not overwhelms, and you have a movie about the magic of film with plenty of its own magic.

RICHARD CROUSE

The Muppets

Genre: Comedy/Musical
Director: James Bobin
Stars: Amy Adams, Jason Segel and Chris Cooper
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There may have been better films released in 2011, but this critic is hard pressed to think of a better movie than The Muppets, writer/star Jason Segel and director James Bobbin's revamp of the beloved '70s TV series as well as the expanded big screen franchise that followed.

It's perfect entertainment, ferociously funny and far out. Segel is perfect as Gary, who lives a candy-coated life with his muppet obsessed, felt and faux fur covered brother Walter, and his sunny, long suffering girlfriend Mary (Amy Adams).

When the trio head to Hollywood to make Walter's dreams of meeting Kermit and company come true, they become embroiled in a scheme to save the muppet theatre from a scowling, rapping oil baron (Chris Cooper).

Filled to the gills with chirpy, catchy pop songs and subversive gags, The Muppets works as both a nostalgia piece for parents and a wild romp for kids.

But the true beauty of the film is that, at its core The Muppets is really a sentimental love letter to the sort of old fashioned, sweet natured, suspension of disbelief movie magic that the digital era has tried so hard to choke.

Somewhere, someplace Jim Henson is smiling…

CHRIS ALEXANDER

Arthur Christmas

Genre: Comedy/Drama
Director: Sarah Smith
Stars: James McAvoy, Hugh Laurie
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Arthur Christmas not only answers the mystery of how Santa Claus delivers billions of presents in one night but it shows how the now high-tech computer-operated system is flawed. When one girl doesn't get her gift, Santa's inept son (McAvoy) sets off to ensure Christmas isn't ruined. For all its familiar themes, Arthur delivers enough clever laughs and eye-popping scenery to entertain kiddies hungry for holiday fare.

STEVE GOW

Movie. Screen times.

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The Muppets (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 3:55-6:55-9:35

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Arthur Christmas (G) Wed-Thu 7-9:20
The Muppets (G) Wed-Thu 6:50-9:15

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Hugo 3D (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:05-10:05
The Muppets (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 1:50-4:35-7:10-10

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Brave Black Friday with this proven playlist

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Holiday carols through the speakers at the mall? Bah humbug! On Friday, make your own soundtrack and rock out with this playlist.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer — Culture

There's nothing wrong with getting into the spirit of the season, but do it on your own terms.

Sometimes, your own terms might mean this chill reggae version of a classic, so you don't feel like it's something you've already heard a million times.

Oh No — Girl Talk

This mashup has the colossal layering of personalities that the shopping experience offers. Plus it combines Black Sabbath power chords with Ludacris, saying "Move b—, get out the way."

Pretty Boy Swag — Soulja Boy Tell'em

Speaking of "get out the way," you might want to make this one your anthem too, and say "pretty boy comin' through."

Bittersweet Symphony — The Verve

Ever see the video for this one? Singer Richard Ashcroft is just walking through the crowded street, banging into everybody else, totally oblivious that they're there because his song is so pretty. This tune will make you be that guy as you steamroll through the mall.

Albatross — Fleetwood Mac

You'll definitely need a few zen moments with your headphones as you brave the shopping. This wordless tune by an early incarnation of Fleetwood Mac is a great start. If this instrumental gives you that crucial inner peace, also try R.E.M.'s New Orleans Instrumental, and Yo La Tengo's Return to Hot Chicken.

Black Friday

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Travel in brief

You are laid over in a city somewhere out there in the world with 24 hours to kill. Do you burrow into your hotel suite, fed by room service and movies-on-demand, until time to head back to the airport?

Not if you're Anthony Bourdain, globe-trotting gastronome and on-the-fly bon vivant. With no time to spare, you gorge on local cuisine, savour local sights and maximize exposure to indigenous culture. Tomorrow on the plane you can catch up on your sleep!

That, in Bourdain's words, is "the art of the layover," the finer points of which he shares on The Layover, his new Travel Channel series which premiered Monday at 9 p.m. EST.

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Place d'Armes: Old Montreal's public square cradle of city's long history

Great winter escapes

With winter comes thoughts of escape Here, six ideas from guidebook publisher Frommer's

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Top beach destination? Hawaii

Roatan, Honduras

"A casual and refreshingly unpolished slice of the tropics," says Frommer's. The Caribbean island is a major destination for diving and snorkelling.

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Snorkelling in Roatan

Kauai, Hawaii

On the island's north shore, three-kilometre-long Hanalei Bay is Frommer's choice for top beach destination for 2012. Volcanic cliffs and 300-metre waterfalls form the backdrop.

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Explore Mayan sites in the Yucatan Peninsula

Yucatan Peninsula

The safest region in Mexico, according to Frommer's. Go for the beaches, the food, the fiestas and the exotic wildlife. There are also many Mayan sites to explore.

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New York City

At Grand Central Terminal a free light show plays on the walls of the main concourse every half-hour through December. Other things to see: Rockefeller Center's Christmas tree with 30,000 lights; elaborate holiday window displays; and "the world's largest menorah," at 10 metres high, in front of the Plaza Hotel.

Grand Central Terminal, New York

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Rhine River

A holiday-season cruise on the Rhine River: An eight-day tour between Basel, Switzerland, and Cologne, Germany, includes both famous and lesser-known Christmas markets.

Enjoy bucolic views on a Rhine River cruise

Santiago, Chile

An exciting city with a stunning location at the foot of the Andes Mountains. There are chic restaurants and stylish hotels and new museums.

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Check out art and sculpture in Santiago

Hot parties down south

The Caribbean Islands are known for their love of music and dance, and hold annual festivals to celebrate Everything from the sugar cane crop, reggae, Lent and Christmas is used as an excuse for the never-ending parades, parties and glittering costumes Add some spice to your life with these dates for your diary

1 Spice Mas Grenada

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Where: St George
Grenada expresses its colourful mix of African, French, British and Caribbean heritage at this festival. Originally used as an opportunity to protest about exploitation and injustice in the form of songs and calypsos (satirical songs), this fun is spread out over weeks during which people enjoy steel pan orchestras, reggae bands, beauty pageants, parades and "fancy mas" bands. A festival highlight is the J'Ouvert night, where devilish jab jab revelers cover themselves in molasses, tar and creosote and wear horned helmets.
When: June 2 to Aug.14, 2012
spicemasgrenada.com

2 Trinidad Carnival Trinidad and Tobago

Where: Port of Spain, Trinidad
This carnival evolved from the French Mardi Gras (fat Tuesday) and involves a succession of extravagant festivities beginning around Christmas and ending on Ash Wednesday. Some say the carnival began as locals mimicked the elegant balls of colonial settlers and rebelled from their authority by celebrating African mythology and music. Highlights include the steel-pan band Panorama competition and the Kings and Queens costume competition, whereby over the top are embellished with lights and fitted with sound effects. After two months of intense partying, Trinidadians then repent for their wicked ways with the start of Lent.
When: Feb. 21 2012
gotrinidadandtobago.com

3 Reggae Sumfest Jamaica

Where: Montego Bay
Thousands of reggae lovers flock into the port of Montego Bay for the annual Sumfest. Hailed as the world's best reggae festival, it's a non-stop party featuring the best talent in the industry. Every night for four days, reggae stars take to the stage at the Catherine Hall Entertainment Centre to celebrate the art of reggae music. Last year, rising star Nicki Minaj was one of the lead acts and past performances have included Damian Marley, Kanye West, Usher and Chris Brown.
When: July 15-21, 2012
reggaesumfest.com

4 Crop Over Carnival, Barbados

Where: Barbados
Historically, these celebrations marked the end of the sugar cane cutting season; now it's a euphoric celebration of Bajan culture and music, which involves drinking plenty of rum. The highlight of this year's parade was Rhianna.
When: July 7 to Aug. 6, 2012
barbadoscropoverfestival.com
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5 Junkanoo Bahamas

Where: New Providence Island
Junkanoo was originally a way for slaves to celebrate the three days off they were given for Christmas. Revelers would wear grotesque masks and go dancing from house to house, sometimes exploiting their hidden identity to get "even" with those that had wronged them. After slavery was abolished, the Bahamas was the only island to keep the tradition alive. Today, the carnival is a celebration of Bahamian dance and music.
When: Dec. 26, 2011 and Jan. 1, 2012
bahamas.com

Sweeten up with cherry fudge

For the ultimate in seasonal decadence, treat the taste buds to this deliciously rich dessert

Looking for a fun idea for the office potluck this holiday season? Try a hand at making fudge this year. With a few simple ingredients you can create a rich and chocolatey treat.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups (500 mL) granulated sugar
- 1 can (150 g) evaporated milk
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) butter
- 1 pkg (360 g) semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 jar (210 g) marshmallow crème
- 1 tsp (5 mL) vanilla
- 1 cup (250 mL) slivered almonds, toasted
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) dried Bing cherries, chopped
- 2/3 cup (150 mL) whole blanched almonds toasted, for garnish (optional)

Preparation:

1. Butter 9-inch (2 L) square baking pan; set aside.
2. In 3-quart (2.8 L) saucepan over medium-high heat, stir sugar, milk and butter until butter melts and mixture comes to a full boil. Continue to cook 5 minutes, stirring constantly.
3. Remove from heat; gradually mix in chocolate chips until melted, then stir in marshmallow crème until melted and thoroughly blended. Mix in vanilla, slivered almonds and cherries to distribute evenly.
4. With a rubber spatula, scrape into buttered pan and smooth the top. Decorate with whole almonds, spacing apart and pressing in lightly, so that fudge can be cut into squares between almonds. Allow to set in cool place for 2 to 3 hours.
5. Cut fudge into squares; arrange and cover with plastic wrap in gift packages, or place on serving dish. To store, wrap and refrigerate up to 1 week. Bring to room temperature before serving.

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▶ Almonds and cherries mixed in fudge ... yummy!

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Drink of the week

Orange and cherry

Here is a fun way to get your guests involved in their drink.

- 1.5 oz orange flavour vodka
- maraschino cherry
- orange slice
- sparkling water

In a mixing glass filled with ice cubes, chill orange flavoured vodka. Then pour into a cone shape glass. Add maraschino cherry. Place orange slice in the top of the glass in order to seal in the vodka.
To serve, pour cold sparkling water over the orange slice.
Serve the cocktail with a straw and ask your guest to push on the orange slice to mix the drink.
Makes 1 serving.
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Start the day with fruit-stuffed soda bread

Swing into baking season and delight family with this simple-to-whip-up soda bread with dried cherries.

It's perfect at breakfast or with a cup of tea or coffee during a welcome break in the day.

Try the sliced loaf with butter or cream cheese.

Ingredients:

- 1.125 ml (4 1/2 cups) all-purpose flour
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) granulated sugar
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) baking powder
- 2 ml (1/2 tbsp) baking soda
- 2 ml (1/2 tbsp) salt
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) shortening
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) dried cherries, cranberries or raisons
- 500 ml (2 cups) buttermilk

Preparation:

1. Heat oven to 350 F. Lightly grease a baking sheet or line with parchment paper.
2. In a bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt.
3. Cut in shortening with a pastry blender or fork until mixture resembles coarse meal. Add cherries and buttermilk, stirring until all ingredients are moistened. Turn out onto floured surface and knead dough for about 1 minute. Shape into a ball.
4. lace on prepared baking sheet and bake in centre of the over for 30-35 minutes or until loaf is golden and sounds hollow when tapped.

Cherry bread

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I recently graduated from York University with a BA (Honours) in communications studies. I participated in many internships throughout my university career, had numerous part-time jobs, and I excelled academically.

I thought that finding a job when I graduated would be incredibly easy, since I was so motivated and enthusiastic about joining the workforce. But little did I know that this would not be the case.

I was eager to find a position in the field of communications and public relations in order to see if this type of work was right for me. Checking job boards was one of my daily activities.

▶ Naomi Elmaleh kept her head high during the hunt and now she's got plenty to smile about.

I applied and kept track of every resumé and cover letter I sent in — and it totalled over 90 in the span of five months. After only hearing back from six or seven, I was discouraged, furious, and upset with myself. I just had to find another way.

I found the best way to look for work was networking. I made use of all the resources and connections I had because I realized that you never know who might know of someone who is looking for someone.

I also found it helpful to go on informational interviews, which is calling or e-mailing someone from a company you would like to work for and asking if they would be willing to meet with you briefly.

You would be surprised to see how many professionals are willing to help out recent grads.

Feel free to ask them anything about their line of work, working at that company even ask if they can take a look at your resumé.

Sometimes they will take it with them and keep it on file.

My advice to recent graduates is to never feel discouraged. Finding a job is very time-consuming, and it takes a lot of hard work and dedication. If the search seems to be never-ending, don't give up. I know it sounds a little corny, but it's true.

Tap into all the resources you can use: TalentEgg, LinkedIn, Facebook, friends, family, newspapers, networking events, and don't be afraid to put yourself out there.

Let employers see your enthusiasm, passion, hard-work ethic, and motivation.

After months on the job hunt, I was finally offered a position at a great organization.

Where Naomi is now

I am currently the director of communications and student programming at a supplementary school in Toronto.

I am very happy with my position and the organization I work for and I know that my time here will be very rewarding. I do hope to return to school to complete a post-graduate certificate in public relations and communications, as well as to continue my work in the non-profit sector in Toronto.

My recommendation for employers is to be more open-minded. A lot of job postings require a number of years worth of work experience in that field.

When you are a recent graduate looking for a job, this qualification seems very daunting.

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Most contracts contain employer-friendly terms

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It's possibly the worst rule in workplace law — corporations are permitted to insist that employees sign one-sided employment contracts that reduce their legal rights. Regrettably, employees with little bargaining power or an understanding of the law, seldom realize that their interests are being undermined. What are some of the more punitive contractual terms?

Probationary periods

New employees are not 'probationary' as a matter of law. They are only probationary if they agree to it in a contract. If they have, employers are then given the right to dismiss for reasons that would otherwise be insufficient and worse, by providing only minimum notice or pay, or often less.

Termination clauses

Without any language surrounding termination in the contract, employees are entitled to 'fair' severance upon their termination based on how long it would take to find another job. However, employers often draft contracts to provide employees with less than what is fair. Why would anyone to agree to this? Because they do not realize these terms can be negotiated or sometimes refused.

No contractual changes

Can the job be modified or changed? Once the job begins, employees can refuse any significant changes that negatively affect them, such as demotion or even reduced pay – unless they have agreed to a contract that permits it.

What should employees do? First, review any new contract with a lawyer and don't be reluctant to renegotiate terms. Second, challenge the enforceability of these contracts where the facts present that argument. I have won in court by raising the inference that a contract was signed without proper consent.

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Waiting on Fehr's arrival

THE HOCKEY NEWS

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It wasn't exactly the comeback of Sidney Crosby, but Eric Fehr's return to the Winnipeg Jets lineup was a welcome sight for a team that has recently seen its roster lining up outside the infirmary.

Fehr's first game was hardly special with 7:06 of ice time, three shots on goal and zero points on the scoresheet. But then again, we weren't expecting a four-point night out of the former Washington Capital — we were just expecting him to begin his search for his sea legs.

In the long-run, what can Jets fans look to get out of Fehr? A first-round pick from 2003, there's a reason Winnipeg was able to squeeze him out of Washington for the low, low price of Danick Paquette and a fourth-round pick — Fehr hasn't come close to reaching his potential and he's proven to be injury prone.

Still, he's an intriguing player. Just 26, Fehr is at the point where late-blooming power forwards begin to have surprise breakout seasons.

Whether or not he does remains to be seen, but he seemed to be inching closer to that when he was in the U.S. capital.

Two years ago, Fehr jumped from 12 goals to 21 in a 69-game season for a career-high. Last season was cut short to injury again, so it's difficult to compare, but at least he wasn't plodding along without any hope for improvement.

A lot, of course, has to do with what line he plays on.

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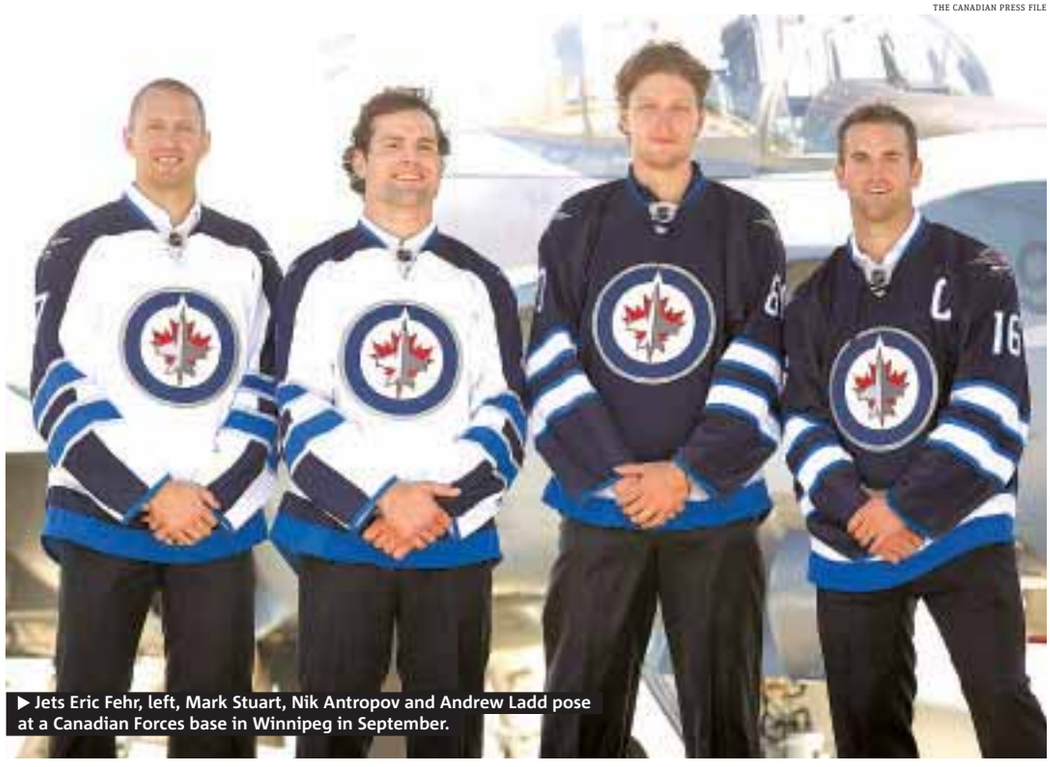

▶ Jets Eric Fehr, left, Mark Stuart, Nik Antropov and Andrew Ladd pose at a Canadian Forces base in Winnipeg in September.

"If he's stuck on the depth lines, he's destined to be pigeon-holed as a checker ... If he can play with some of the Jets' better players, though, Fehr could add a new element to the team."

If he's stuck on the depth lines, he's destined to be pigeon-holed as a checker, which would make it difficult to achieve any sort of offensive breakout. If he can play with some of the Jets' better players, though, Fehr could add a new element to the team.

But to play on those top lines, more injuries might need to happen.

Nevertheless, Fehr's presence can't hurt. He's got four years of playoff experience and the knowledge of what it's like to play in and develop a winning environment — something the Jets need to figure out fast. And if he can begin reaching his potential, that's just gravy.

Now, if they could only get Ron Hainsey and Tobias Enstrom back in time for the short, but tricky three-game road trip this week that includes stops in Boston and Washington.

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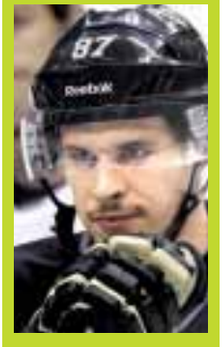

"There are things that as the games go on, I'm going to have to improve and get better, but it's only going to happen through playing."

SIDNEY CROSBY. A DAY AFTER HIS FIRST GAME IN 10 MONTHS, CROSBY JOINED HIS TEAMMATES IN A SPIRITED HOUR-LONG PRACTICE YESTERDAY MORNING, WITH HIS LEGS, HIS LUNGS AND — MOST IMPORTANTLY — HIS HEAD FEELING JUST FINE.

Scan code for more sports.

MLB bucks the trend, signs CBA early

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▶ Vice-president of labour relations Rob Manfred, left, MLB commissioner Bud Selig and players union executive director Michael Weiner, at a news conference in New York yesterday.

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig and union head Michael Weiner smiled and exchanged handshakes while others in the room dug into knishes and pigs in a blanket.

Not exactly the typical scene surrounding sports labour talks this year.

Baseball ensured itself of 21 consecutive years of peace at a time the NBA season might be cancelled because of a lockout and the NFL still is recovering from its CBA negotiations.

"We've learned," Selig said yesterday after players and owners signed an agreement for a five-year contract running until December 2016. "Nobody back in the '70s, '80s and the early '90s, 1994, would ever believe that we would have 21 years of labour peace."

The agreement makes MLB the first pro major league in North America to conduct blood tests for human growth hormone, allowing it during spring training and future off-seasons but for now only studying whether it will be implemented during the regular season.

The deal, which must be ratified by both sides and drafted into a formal contract, expands the playoffs from eight to 10 teams by 2013, lessens draft-pick compensation for free agents, expands salary arbitration by a few players and for the first time allows teams to trade some draft selections.

It also adds unprecedented restraints on signing bonuses for amateur players coming to the major leagues from high school, college and overseas.

Following eight work stoppages from 1972-95, baseball reached its third straight agreement without an interruption of play. The current deal was to expire Dec. 11.

Baseball seems to have learned the lessons of the 1994-95 strike, which wiped out the World Series for the first time in nine decades. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Engine

Under the hood is an inline six-cylinder engine that delivers 325 horsepower and 345 pound-feet of torque. That's up 25 horsepower over the S60's standard six-cylinder turbo engine, which was the only engine available for the 2011 model year.

Also joining the lineup for 2012 is a new T5 base model with a 250-horsepower 2.5-litre five-cylinder turbo engine. Unlike the 3.0, which is mated to an all-wheel-drive system, the 2.5 comes only as a front-wheel-driver.

0-to-100 km/h

According to Volvo, the R-Design will achieve a zero-to-100 km/h time in about 5.5 seconds, quicker by 0.3 than the now mid-range S60 T6. By comparison, the 333-horsepower Audi S4 is about a half-second quicker still, if that helps put things in perspective.

A six-speed "Geartronic" automatic transmission directs the power to the front (T5) or all four wheels, which is the case with both T6 models.

Fashion statement

The easiest way to tell the T6 AWD R-Design from the rest of the line is by its blacked-out grille, lower chin spoiler and rear lower-body diffuser that's sandwiched between the twin exhaust pipes. A set of 18-inch "Ixion" alloy wheels makes a unique fashion statement.

The only R-Design logo you'll find is located in the grille area, which is a very subtle and elegant touch.

▶ The R-Design is largely a styling package with an additional 25 horsepower and some matching suspension tuning. The brakes are the same size as what you'll find on the lesser T6-AWD. The R-Design lists at $51,400, which is about $4,850 more than a T6 and more than $12,000 above the price of the base S60.

Safe, practical ... and a little wild

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It's always an internal struggle when your heart screams "sports car" but your head, along with the pleadings of significant others, requires something more practical.

Fortunately, Volvo offers a pleasant way to satisfy both sides of your nerve-wracked conscience with the 2012 S60 R-Design.

The S60 demonstrated added style mixed with Swedish sensibility when it was launched for the 2011 model year.

At that time, Volvo announced that a more basic S60 would follow. It has delivered on that promise, but in a surprise move, the automaker is also marketing a more aggressive-looking — and acting — performance version.

The T6 AWD R-Design is an extension of the same car that has gone further than just about any previous Volvo model since the 1960s P1800 coupe at removing Volvo's boxy stigma. For the R-Design, the front and rear end have been remodelled while leaving the surrounding sheetmetal mostly untouched.

The R-Design adds a more muscular dimension to what is one of Volvo's more popular models.

It's also one that can satisfy both the heart and the head of just about any driver.

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By comparison

Acura TL SH-AWD
Base price: $45,400
Newly restyled, well-equipped model makes 305 hp in AWD trim.

Audi S4 Quattro
Base price: $54,500
Well-priced, solidly built and 333-hp V-6 makes for some fast times.

Cadillac CTS AWD
Base price: $46,500
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The latest Chrysler 300 left a huge mark on the market with handsome and classical styling when it hit Canadian roads some years ago — and it's been selling strong ever since.

By offering honest pricing, affordable luxury and a powertrain for any reason or season, Chrysler created an award-winning touring car that put the American luxury sedan back on the map.

2005 to 2010 Chrysler 300

Engines

Standard was a 3.5-litre V-6 with 250 horsepower. A 5.7-litre HEMI V-8 could be fitted with 340 horsepower. That figure climbed slightly towards the end of the generation. All-wheel drive was available with either engine.

What owners like

The 300's styling, available V-8 power, honest pricing and comfort levels attracted many shoppers to showrooms — while a plush ride, easy-to-use cabin and overall value sealed the deal.

What owners dislike

Common gripes included slippery handling on snow and ice (proper tires will help a lot here), sub-par gas mileage with either engine, and limited visibility.

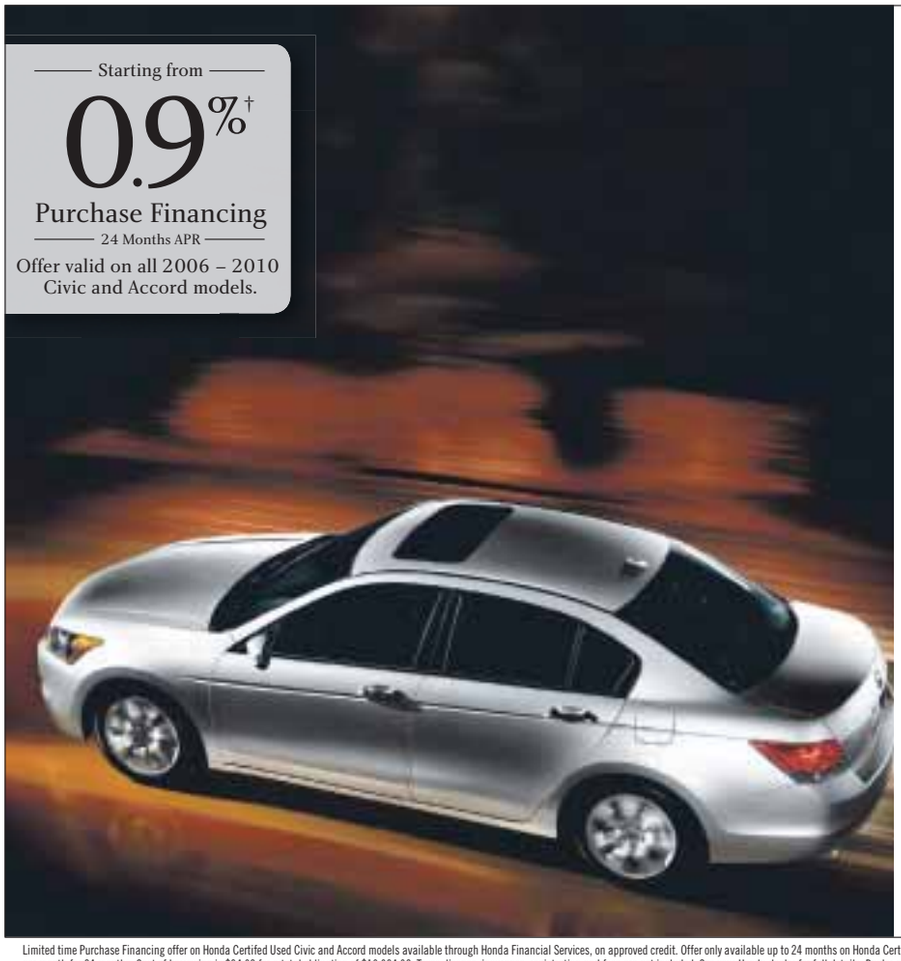
Common issues

Powertrain problems are more likely to be electronics-related than mechanical in nature. Ensure no warning lights are illuminated, the engine runs smoothly, and all instruments work as expected. A "scan" of the 300's computer system is also suggested ahead of your purchase.

Have the underside of your potential used 300 checked for leaks, especially around the transmission and transfer case (if equipped with AWD).

Verdict

At the end of the day, lower-than-average resale values, high-class styling and available HEMI performance should make the Chrysler 300 a popular choice with budget-minded performance and luxury enthusiasts.



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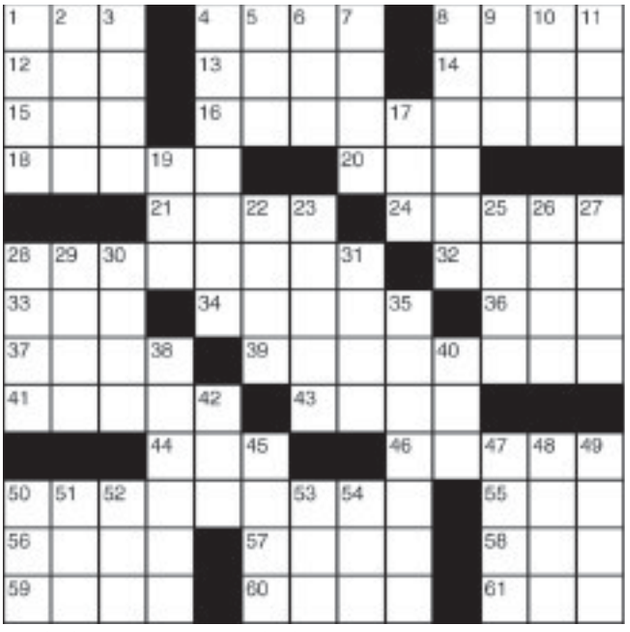

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1 Pump up the volume
4 Poolroom supply
8 Vase-shaped jug
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13 Frizzy hairstyle
14 Tragic
15 Proscribe
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18 Seaweed, e.g.
20 Mr. Sajak
21 Amorphous mass
24 "La — Vita"
28 Additionally
32 Streamlet
33 Lawyers' org.
34 Big brass
36 Unruly bunch
37 Daughters' counterparts
39 Lien of a sort
41 Arrangement
43 Machu Picchu's place
44 Slithery squeezer
46 Civil War victors
50 Not merely embarrassed
55 Modern-day evidence
56 Disturb
57 Advan-tage
58 Freddy's street
59 Old woman's home?
60 Merino, e.g.
61 Nay opposer

Down

1 Actress Jessica
2 Repast
3 Engine knock
4 King Arthur's realm
5 E.T.'s craft
6 Blunder
7 Detergent
8 Film worker
9 Oz bigwig, for short
10 Prior to
11 Roulette bet
17 Young fellow
19 Census statistic
22 Egg
23 Jazz style
25 43-Across' capital
26 Stop up
27 North Sea feeder
28 Church service
29 Reed instrument
30 Carry on
31 Exceptional
35 Fruity pastry
38 Nuanced
40 Pistol
42 Luau side dish
45 Not many
47 Concept
48 Sans siblings
49 Appellation
50 "— Miniver"
51 Reaction to fireworks
52 Carnival city
53 Altar affirmative
54 Id counterpart

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You sometimes find it hard to change course when the situation demands it, but today you will do whatever is necessary to get out of the hole you find yourself in.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You may have to be ruthless with someone you have dealings with today, especially if they have been wasting your time on trivialities.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 If you start the week in a positive frame of mind you will find it easier to deal with what happens around the time of Friday's eclipse.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 What the planets are trying to tell you is that you have been pushing yourself too hard.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Set your own targets and make your own rules.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Family affairs have been a bit difficult of late, but you will soon get the chance to put things right.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 The approaching solar eclipse will make getting through to other people very easy indeed.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Keep your spending to a minimum.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Strive to have fun.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You cannot be bothered with trivialities. It's the big questions that excite you.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Reach out and make contact with someone who appears to be different.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. You will be under a lot of pressure today, but there is no doubt at all that you can handle it, so don't panic

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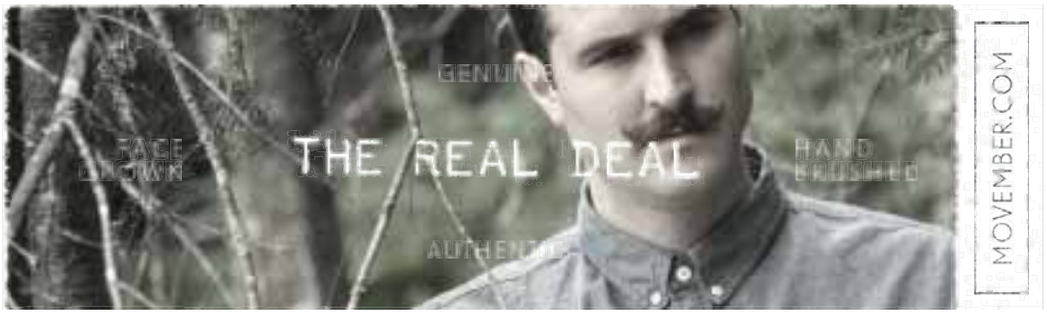

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